

CHELTENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.ANNUAL REPORT, 1939.  
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To the Chairman and Members of the Cheltenham Rural District Council.



Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1939. The Report itself is abbreviated and retains only essential features and such figures as may be necessary for purposes of record and comparision.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

*William J. Whitley.*

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

March. 1941.

ANNUAL REPORT.Section A.STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres .....	81,490.
Registrar General's Estimate of population for:-	
(a) Birth Rate. ....	15,140.
(b) Death Rate. ....	15,650.
Population Census, 1931. ....	15,835.
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1939) according to Rate Books. ....	5,252.
Rateable Value. ....	£90,110.0s.0d.
Sum represented by a 1d. Rate. ....	£356.0s.0d.
Social Conditions. ....	Agricultural & Horticultural Occupations.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	For I.M. Rate.			For Birth Rate.		
	Total	Males.	Females.	Total	Males	Females
Live Births.   229   124   105   228   123   105						
Legitimate.   220   119   101   219   118   101						
Illegitimate.   9   5   4   9   5   4						

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population:- 15.06.

STILL BIRTHS.

From the Registrar General's figures, 14 still births occurred during the year. This is a large figure and would give a rate per 1,000 (total live and still births) of 57.6. If these figures are accurate, (they do not agree with the

return made by the Local Registrar) then they appear to require investigation and point to some undesirable influence at work in the district.

#### DEATHS.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Deaths.	267	126	141

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population is equal to 17.06.

Comparability Factor:- 0.79.  
Corrected Death Rate (17.06 x 0.79):- 13.47.

#### DEATHS FROM PUPERAL CAUSES.

There were no deaths from Puerperal Sepsis or other Puerperal Causes.

#### DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

All infants per 1,000 live births	26.
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	22.72.
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	111.0.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages).	29.
" " Measles (all ages)	0.
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	0.
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0.

#### POPULATION.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population for the Rural District is (a) 15,140. (b) 15,650. The comparability factor being 0.79.

#### BIRTH RATE.

There were 229 live births compared with 242 in 1938, giving a Birth Rate of 15.06 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

#### DEATH RATE.

The total number of deaths of persons ordinarily resident in the area was 267. This would give a Death Rate of 17.06, for purposes of comparison with the other parts of the county this rate should be multiplied by 0.79 which would give the corrected rate of 13.47.

#### INFANT MORTALITY.

Out of the 229 children born only 6 died before reaching the age of one year, of these deaths only one was an illegitimate child. The infant mortality rate was 26. per 1,000 births, a remarkably low rate.

#### MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths from puerperal sepsis or other puerperal diseases during the year.

## Section B.

### NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to hospital.	Total deaths
Small Pox.			
Scarlet Fever	55	47	7
Diphtheria.	4	4	1
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	3	1	
Puerperal Fever.	0		
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1		
Pneumonia.	2		1
Erysipelas.	1		
Measles.	14		
Tuberculosis			
Pulmonary	Males. 11 Females. 4		7
Non-pulmonary.	Males. 7 Females. 1		1
	Males.	Females.	
Cancer Deaths.	7	7	

## Section C.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

#### Water.

Negotiations took place for leasing springs at Stanway and Stanton. A Ministry of Health enquiry was held and approval obtained. The Toddington Estate water supply was purchased for the sum of £2120.

#### Extension of Existing Water Mains.

5,000 yards of 4" main relaid at Bishops Cleeve, Woodmancote & Southam at a cost of £3440. 750 yards of 6" main at Southam, estimated cost £760. 3750 yards of 4" and 7" mains at Toddington, estimated cost £3650.

All gathering grounds were inspected. 112 samples of water were taken for analysis of which 54 were satisfactory and 58 unsatisfactory. There were 117 new connections with the public water supply, 51 being with the Borough and 66 with the Rural District mains.

One spring at Cleeve Hill was found to be contaminated and discarded. During May and June the use of water at Bishops Cleeve and Cleeve Hill was curtailed.

#### Drainage & Sewerage.

Private undertakings at Southam were taken over and modernised. A new sewage scheme in connection with a factory at Southam was commenced during the year at an estimated cost of £6360. Sanction was received to raise a loan for disposal works at Greet at an estimated cost of £1750, but the work was not proceeded with.

#### Rivers and Streams.

Pollution of the Hyde Brook occurred as a result of the occupation of Prestbury Racecourse by the Military Authorities. A new plant is about to be constructed.

### Closet Accommodation.

16 earth closets were improved and 66 earth closets were converted to W.C.'s.

### Public Cleansing.

The collection and disposal of house refuse is carried out in the following parishes:- Prestbury, Leckhampton, Woodmancote and Winchcombe. Private arrangements exist at Southam and Stanton.

### Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

(a) Inspections made	166.
(b) Nuisances discovered or reported	
Total	35.
Swinc only	2.
(c) Complaints received	24.
(d) Informal Notices sent	35.
(e) Statutory Notices sent	1.
(f) Nuisances abated	33.
(g) Summonses issued	Nil.
(h) Convictions obtained	Nil.

### Premises or Occupations Subject to Statutory Control.

15 shops or offices were inspected and 47 visits paid. Sanitary conveniences were either provided or improved in 2 cases. 4 drainage systems were provided.

### Factories.

70 visits were paid to 32 factories (without mechanical power) and in 3 of these the drainage systems were improved.

25 visits were paid to 15 factories (with mechanical power). Fire exists were improved in two cases.

### Bakehouses.

18 visits were paid to 9 bakehouses. One notice was served to repair the roof.

### Tents, Vans and Sheds.

13 visits were made to 5 vans, in 3 cases the land was cleared after representations were made to the owner.

### Cowsheds and Dairies.

275 inspections of 215 cowsheds were made. 12 cowsheds were newly erected or improved. 7 cooling rooms or dairies were provided.

## Section D.

### HOUSING.

#### 1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year.

(a) 1. Total number of houses inspected for Housing Defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts). 262.

2. Number of inspections made for this purpose ..... 932.

(b) 1. Number of houses included under the above which were inspected under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 & 1937. ....

2. Number of inspections made for this purpose ..... 180.
- (c) Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous, or injurious to health, as to be unfit for human habitation. ..... 6.
- (d) Number of houses, exclusive of those referred to under (c) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..... 73.

II. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action

46.

III. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

A. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

- (1) Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. ..... 132.
- (2) Number of houses rendered fit after service of Formal Notices
- (a) By Owners ..... 1.
  - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..... 0.

B. Proceedings under Housing Act, 1936.

(Part II - Repairs, Demolition, Closure)

(1) Repairs - (Sec. 9, 10, & 16.)

- (a) Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..... 7.

- (b) Number of houses rendered fit after service of Formal Notices

By Owners ..... 7.  
By Local Authority in default of owner ..... 0.

(2) Demolition (Secs 11 & 13).

- (a) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders made ..... 1.

- (b) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..... 22.

(3) Closure of portions of buildings (Sec. 12).

- (a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders made ..... 0.

- (b) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ..... 0.

Part III - (Clearance, Re-development and Improvement Areas).

- (1) Clearance Area Declarations made by Council ..... 0.  
(2) " Orders submitted and awaiting confirmation by Minister ..... 0.

(3)	Clearance Orders submitted rejected by Minister	O.
(4)	" " confirmed by Minister	O.
(5)	Re-development Area Declarations made by Council	O.
(6)	Re-development Plans submitted and awaiting confirmation by Minister	O.
(7)	" " rejected by Minister	O.
(8)	" " confirmed by Minister	O.

(9) Improvement Area Declarations made by Council O.

#### Part IV - (Overcrowding).

1. (a)	No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	2.
(b)	No. of families living therein	2.
(c)	No. of persons living therein	10.
2.	No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil.
3. (a)	No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	8.
	(b) No. of persons concerned in such cases	51.
4.	Number and particulars of any cases in which houses have again become overcrowded after steps had been taken for abatement.	Nil.

#### IV Particulars relating specially to Agricultural Population Action under Housing Act, 1936.

(1)	No. of houses provided for members of agricultural population to relieve overcrowding, and subject to Ministry and County Council grants under Secs. 108 & 115 (3)	7.
(2)	No. of houses provided for members of the agricultural population, exclusive of those for the relief of overcrowding, and subject to grant from County Council under Sec. 115 (2)	30.

#### Action under Housing of the Rural Workers Acts 1926 and 1931.

(1)	No. of houses or other buildings dealt with by repair or conversion	5.
(2)	No. of repaired or reconstructed dwelling houses provided as a result of above action	5.

#### V All New Houses.

(1)	Total new houses erected during the year	128.
(2)	New houses erected during the year with State Assistance under Housing Acts.	
	(a) by Local Authority	46.

(b) by other bodies or persons

4.

(3) New houses erected during the year without subsidy

78.

(4) New houses during the year proposed to be erected under the Housing Acts but not yet built.

20.

Section E.

	<u>Cattle.</u> (excluding cows.)	<u>Cows.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep &amp; Lambs.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
Number Inspected.	70	189	32	894	211
All diseases except tuberculosis. Whole carcases condemned.	Nil	Nil	2	2	4
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	2	4	1	8	13
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	2.83	2.12	9.495	1.12	6.03
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcases condemned.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	5	Nil	Nil	6
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	1.43	2.65	Nil	Nil	3.71

